## CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW CLASS SPECIFICATION

| <b>Position Title:</b> Deputy Fire Marshal | Job Family: VIII |
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| General Classification: Front-Line         | Job Grade:       |

**Definition**: To contribute to fire prevention by ensuring that minimum fire protection standards are met and to work in other fire prevention and investigation areas.

**Distinguishing Characteristics**: These positions report to the Fire Marshal (Battalion Chief assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau) and may be assigned to firefighting activities.

**Examples of Duties**: Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Ensures that new developments meet minimum fire protection standards for access, water supply, fire-resistive construction, exiting, fire protection equipment, and hazardous processes by meeting with contractors and developers, reviewing plans, and conducting field construction inspections and witnessing tests.
- 2. Ensures that existing buildings meet and maintain minimum fire protection standards for fire and life safety by inspecting health care facilities, schools, day-care facilities, and other high fire and life safety hazard occupancies, to identify and abate hazardous conditions; makes follow-up inspections and provides technical assistance and legal enforcement where necessary to support inspections done by the Suppression Division.
- 3. Responds to all citizen complaints of hazardous situations and buildings to eliminate hazardous conditions.
- 4. Minimizes fire loss by teaching fire prevention and control to increase public fire safety aware-ness to the greatest possible degree; responding to requests for fire safety education presentations and providing programs for the citizens of Mountain View such as smoke detector programs, fire brigade, and seasonal fire safety programs.
- 5. Provides fire prevention services to the community by providing training sessions for the Suppression Division and fire prevention and control procedures; provides technical assistance to the Suppression Division by answering questions about hazardous processes and construction problems.

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6. Determines the origin and cause of fires that occur within the City in coordination with the County.

- 7. Eliminates dry grass and weeds on both improved and unimproved parcels within the City to reduce potential fire hazard (in coordination with the County Fire Prevention Bureau).
- 8. Provides technical expertise in developing new programs and solving problems related directly or indirectly to fire protection by completing special projects and reports as assigned.
- 9. Checks fire alarm systems for proper functioning.
- 10. Maintains a level of physical fitness which meets job requirements.

## **Minimum Qualifications**:

<u>Knowledge of</u>: Theories and practices of modern fire protection systems; fire chemistry; hazardous materials; building construction; industrial processes; transportation vehicles; national, State, and local building and fire codes and fire safety standards; techniques of fire investigation relating to housing, commercial, industrial, and transportation systems.

<u>Ability to</u>: Recognize fire hazards such as structural conditions and hazardous materials and recommend techniques for correcting them; interpret and enforce local, State, and national fire codes and standards; communicate effectively with Fire personnel and the general public.

**Experience and Training Guidelines:** Any combination of experience and training will qualify if it provides for the required knowledge and abilities.

Recommended: Training and experience equivalent to three years of broad and increasingly responsible experience in fire code enforcement and/or fire suppression work. Bachelor's degree in a related field may be substituted for up to one year of experience.

Required Licenses or Certificates: Valid California driver's license.

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